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Applicant: Tracy A. Gast et al.

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For: MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE
DRYING DEVICES AND
TECHNIQUES

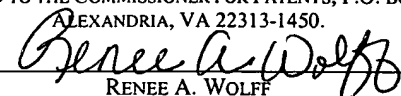
Examiner: Carrillo, Bibi Sharidan

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

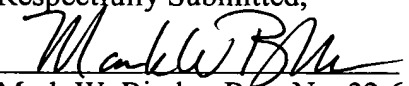
This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2006, requiring restriction of certain claims within the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, Claims 1-20, drawn to a method of processing a microelectronic device, Group II, including Claims 21-23, drawn to a method of drying a microelectronic device, or Group III, including Claims 24-29 drawn to the apparatus for microelectronic devices.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-20, drawn to a method of processing a microelectronic device. This election is made without traverse.

It is submitted that the above election is fully responsive to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2006. Since May 14, 2006 was a Sunday, the one-month deadline for response is May 15, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this Response. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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